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JIDDA FOR TWINAM

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE: MURDER OF YAR PRESIDENT GHASHMI

1. TO BE USED AFTER STORY BREAKS AND UNTIL THERE IS AN
ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE YAR:

Q: WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT REPORTS THAT YAR PRESIDENT
GHASHMI WAS KILLED THIS MORNING? DO YOU HAVE ANY INFORMA-
TION ABOUT THE SITUATION?

A: -- WE HAVE HAD A REPORT FROM OUR EMBASSY IN SANA THAT A
BOMB EXPLODED SATURDAY MORNING IN THE YAR (YEMEN ARAB
REPUBLIC) MILITARY HEADQUARTERS AND WE ARE OF COURSE AWARE
OF THE WIRE DESPATCHES SAYING THAT PRESIDENT GHASHMI WAS
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KILLED. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT YET HAVE A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF
THE INCIDENT, NOR HAS THE YEMEN GOVERNMENT ISSUED A STATE-
MENT. UNTIL THAT TIME, WE WILL HAVE NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY.

-- AS OF LAST REPORT, SANA WAS CALM AND THE SMALL AMERICAN
COMMUNITY WAS SAFE.

2. TO BE USED AFTER THE YAR ANNOUNCES GHASHMI'S DEATH:

Q. WHAT COMMENT DOES THE USG HAVE ON THE ASSASSINATION OF THE NORTH YEMEN PRESIDENT?

A: -- WE DEPLORE THE MURDER OF PRESIDENT GHASHMI AND OFFER OUR CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY AND TO THE PEOPLE OF THE YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC, A COUNTRY WITH WHICH WE MAINTAIN CLOSE AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS. THIS SAVAGE ACT IS REPREENSIBLE.

Q: WHO KILLED GHASHMI AND FOR WHAT REASON?

A. -- WE DO NOT HAVE INFORMATION ON THE PERPETRATORS OR THEIR MOTIVES. VANCE

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